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News



Events

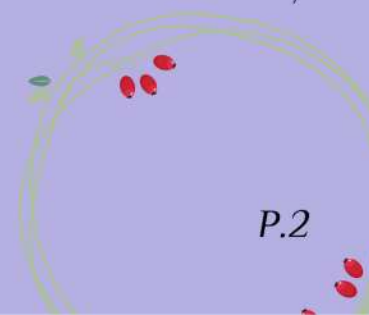
Please find details of upcoming events and how to submit your own [here](#). Some highlights over the coming few weeks are:

Friday 1 December: [Christmas Wreath Workshops](#), St Mary's, Dalmahoy

Friday 1 December: [A Woman of Courage](#): Through Advent With Mary, Online

Sunday 3 December: Advent Carols and Blessing of the Nativity Crib, 3pm, Princes Street Gardens

Saturday 3 February: [The Life and Death of Eric Liddell and the Rebirth of Chinese Christianity](#), 10.30am, Eric Liddell Community



O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Advent begins this weekend! Our online Advent calendar, Many names of Christ, can be viewed [here](#) - and there's still time to feature later in the season! Get in touch with Miranda if you are interested.

What is your church doing for Advent and Christmas? Let us know, and share your stories and photos.

Carol Service

Join clergy and members of our diocese and neighbouring churches for the annual Nativity Carol Concert and the blessing of the new Nativity scene this Sunday. The bandstand will be open from 2, with the event proper starting at 3pm.

EDINBURGH'S CHRISTMAS

Nativity Carol Concert

SUNDAY 3 DECEMBER | 2PM - 4PM
ROSS BANDSTAND | WEST PRINCES STREET GARDENS

Enter into the Christmas spirit with the Nativity Carol Concert from Edinburgh Churches Together.

Join voices with a number of Edinburgh's Christmas church choirs and sing along with traditional Christmas carols and hymns, backed by music from the Salvation Army Band.

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News



Baptisms and Confirmations

Congratulations to all who were baptised and confirmed on Sunday 26th November, Christ the King Sunday, at Christ Church Morningside. We wish you all the very best as you continue your Christian journey.

Youth Meet Up



Edinburgh Diocese

YOUTH



Save the date!

Saturday 6th January, 6-9pm

Epiphany Youth Meet-Up



Net Zero Workshops



Churches are being encouraged by the Provincial Environment Group to sign up for HeatHack workshops as part of the Scottish Episcopal Church journey towards Net Zero emissions by 2030.

There is more information on this, as well as sources of funding, in the most recent Inspires Online.

Office News & Notices



Signposts



Did you know we have a [resource page](#) on our website? This contains answers to many frequently asked questions.

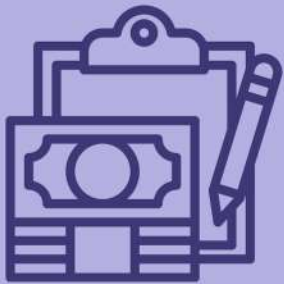


Our [Diocesan Environment Group](#) includes sections on Sharing Stories, Resources and Funding. The group is being led by Bethany Nelson, and you can contact her at bethany@psandgs.org.uk.



There are now 92 users signed up to the [Online Support Forum](#), Posts include:

- Health & Safety
- Secondary glazing installation completed
- CAF Bank changes
- Energy Savings Advice (CofE)
- Contactless donations



We have an [admin support forum](#) specifically for Church Administrators. Do encourage anyone you might have in your congregation who might have such a role in your administration – other than your Vestry Secretary.

Forms

Could all Incumbents and Priests in Charge note that the annual **Congregational Statistics** will soon be due for “the year ending on the eve of Advent Sunday” which is **Sunday 3rd December**. All the numbers can be prepared now, except for the attendance on “the Sunday next before Advent”.

In addition, we will soon send out the **Diocesan Schedules** for you to let us know any changes to your Vestry personnel etc., if you haven't already done so. This is intended to align with many of your AGMs which take place mostly in the Autumn.

There will be no Provincial Safeguarding Annual Return for this year as GSO are re-evaluating the process in light of new legislation being implemented in 2024. The Diocese will be sending out a simple checklist to assist Vestries in maintaining safeguarding best practice.

As many of you will be aware, Samantha Campbell, the Bishop's PA is currently off sick. Please join us in wishing her a speedy recovery. In the meantime, her role is being covered by Joanna Appleby.

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Diary

Sunday 3 December Advent Carols and Bishop John Blessing of the Nativity Crib, 3pm, Princes Street Gardens

Tuesday 5 December Bishop's Reflection Group

Wednesday 6 December Bishop conducting Confirmations at St Mark's Portobello

Friday 8 December Bishop attending Sandy Ryrie's funeral

Thursday 14th December The Installation of the Revd Andi Hofbauer at St Cuthbert's Hawick and St John's Jedburgh



Communications photos

We're in the process of updating our selection of images of churches in the diocese. If you've got some recent images of your church you'd be happy to share - or if you'd like us to come and take some pictures which you can use too - please email Miranda at mheggie@dioceseofedinburgh.org.uk



Have you got news or stories from your church you'd like to share? If so, our Communications Officer Miranda Heggie would love to hear from you! Please drop her a line at mheggie@dioceseofedinburgh.org.

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